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DATE:

March 3, 2010

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Randolph Packing Co Inc Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Class I Recall; Beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7;

Information provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed to federal establishments for further processing in III., Mo., N.Y., Ohio, and Va. None of these products are available directly to consumers. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

North Carolina Firm Recalls Beef Products Due to Possible *E. coli* O157:H7 Contamination

Recall Release

CLASS I RECALL - Wholesale

Level

FSIS-RC-013-2010

HEALTH RISK: N/A

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WASHINGTON, March 2, 2010 - Randolph Packing Co. Inc., an Asheboro, N.C. establishment, is recalling approximately 96,000 pounds of beef products that may be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall include:

- Combo bin packages of "Randolph Packing Co., Inc. BONELESS BEEF."
- Combo bin packages of "Randolph Packing Co. Knuckles 90% & 94%."
- 30 lbs. boxes of "Beef Ribeye Rolls."

Each package label bears the establishment number "EST. 6590" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

The products were produced on February 25, 2010, and were distributed to federal establishments for further processing in Ill., Mo., N.Y., Ohio, and Va. None of these products are available directly to consumers.

The problem was discovered through FSIS microbiological sampling.

Media and consumer questions regarding the recall should be directed to the company Plant Manager, Wayne Gilberts, or Craig Hamlet, General Manager at (366) 672-1470.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from I0 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.